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**For: STI Polish Enhancement
Using Fixed Abrasives With
Amino Acid Additives**

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Appellants acknowledge receipt of the replacement Examiner's Answer mailed February 12, 2007. As the Examiner's Answer mailed February 12, 2007 is identical to the Examiner's Answer mailed November 20, 2006 except for Section (4) entitled "Status of the Amendments After Final" and Section (8) entitled "Evidence Relied Upon", Appellants believe that the Reply Brief filed January 22, 2007 does not need to be updated.

Although Appellants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/006075.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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